

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of the claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

1. (Currently Amended) Means for fastening, securing or clamping goods or for securing a person, ~~such as a load strap, support strap, tie member, rope, or safety harness,~~ said means comprising:
 - (a) a strap for fastening, securing or clamping goods or person; and
 - (b) with an information medium permanently attached thereto to said strap, wherein the information medium consists of at least one identification medium, an insert having high tear strength and a protective casing, which surrounds at least the identification medium, joined as a unit.
2. (Currently Amended) Means according to claim 1, wherein the ~~means~~ strap for fastening, securing or clamping goods or ~~for securing a person~~ is rigidly connected to the information medium.
3. (Currently Amended) Means according to claim 2, wherein the ~~means~~ strap for fastening, securing or clamping goods or ~~for securing a person~~ is sewn to the information medium.
4. (Currently Amended) Means according to claim 1, wherein the ~~means~~ strap for fastening, securing or clamping goods or ~~for securing a person~~ is glued and/or riveted to the information medium.
5. (Previously Presented) Means according to claim 1, wherein the identification medium is readable.
6. (Previously Presented) Means according to claim 5, wherein the identification medium is machine-readable.
7. (Previously Presented) Means according to claim 1, wherein the insert has a higher tear strength than the identification medium.

8. (Previously Presented) Means according to claim 1, wherein the insert consists of a technical textile, especially a fabric.
9. (Previously Presented) Means according to claim 1, wherein the insert is strip-shaped.
10. (Previously Presented) Means according to claim 1, wherein the insert acts on both sides as a carrier of identification media.
11. (Previously Presented) Means according to claim 1, wherein the identification medium is rigidly connected, especially sewn and/or riveted and/or glued, to the insert.
12. (Previously Presented) Means according to claim 1, wherein only a portion of the information medium is connected directly to the fastening or clamping means.
13. (Previously Presented) Means according to claim 1, wherein the protective casing is a tube or a film.
14. (Previously Presented) Means according to claim 1, wherein the protective casing is made of plastics material, especially of polyethylene (PE) or of polyvinyl chloride (PVC).
15. (Previously Presented) Means according to claim 1, wherein the protective casing is transparent.
16. (Previously Presented) Means according to claim 1, wherein the identification medium is a label provided with information.
17. (Previously Presented) Means according to claim 1, wherein the identification medium is a transponder.
18. (Previously Presented) Means according to claim 1, wherein the identification medium is carried by the insert.
19. (Currently Amended) Means according to claim 1, wherein ~~the protective casing is formed as the at least one identification medium is covered by a protective layer with which the identification medium is covered.~~
the at least one identification medium is covered by a protective layer

20. (Previously Presented) Means according to claim 19, wherein the protective layer is a flexible plastics material.
21. (Previously Presented) Means according to claim 20, wherein the flexible plastics material is a silicone or polyurethane.
22. (Currently Amended) Means according to ~~any one of the preceding claims~~ claim 1, wherein ~~all layers of the information medium~~ the at least one identification medium and the insert having high tear strength are surrounded by the protective casing.
23. (Previously presented) Means according to claim 1, wherein the protective casing is made of a UV-resistant material.
24. (Currently Amended) Information medium for marking and permanently attached to a means for fastening, securing or clamping goods or person, ~~such as a load strap, support strap, tie member, rope, or safety harness~~, wherein ~~[[it]]~~ the information medium consists of at least one respective identification medium, an insert having high tear strength and a protective casing, which surrounds at least the identification medium, ~~and is joined as a unit independently of the means~~.
25. (New) Means according to claim 1, wherein the strap for fastening, securing or clamping goods or person is a load strap, support strap, tie member, rope, or safety harness.